

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Sughrue Ref: Q67205
Serial No. 09/987,086

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicants thank the Examiner for having indicated that claims 4 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, Applicants have rewritten claims 4 and 9 in independent form.

In addition, a minor typographical error in claim 4 has been corrected at lines 10 and 13. Specifically, the phrases “on which a slide bearing” and “wherein the support portion *is positioned, and located* on another side face of the stator” have been changed to --on which a slide bearing *is positioned*-- and --wherein the support portion *is located* on another side face of the stator--.

In view of the above, reconsideration and immediate allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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